

# Be With Me

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are you who you look like  
or are you just yourself  
are you somebody famous  
or just somebody else  
can you play "Stairway to Heaven"  
are you good enough  
were those songs real  
or did you make them up  
I only wanted to shake your hand  
equal to equal  
man to man  
what are you drinking  
let me buy you one  
you owe me much more  
than just a job well done

you're gonna be with me  
'till your dying day  
and I won't take it lightly  
if you just walk away

fetch me the jester  
commanded the king  
the harder I thrash him  
the better he'll sing  
send him back to the dungeon  
give him something to eat  
if it wasn't for me  
he'd be out on the street

he's gonna be with me  
'till his dying day  
I would not take it lightly  
If he were ever to stray

if I'm a good boy  
mama can I go  
to the tent revival  
and the medicine show  
I hear there's a dancer  
I just gotta see  
I hear there's a singer  
like I want to be  
if I were someone  
would you take me home  
let me look in your closet  
let me rattle your bones

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